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Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
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Re: Ventura County Air Pollution Control District staff comments on Proposition 1B: Grants for FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 Funds to Reduce Emissions from Goods Movement (Agenda Item: 10-6-3)

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) staff is pleased to support the California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff's recommendations for the allocation of the \$475 million in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 Proposition 1B funds. VCAPCD staff is pleased to see that \$5.5 million in funding is proposed to fund ships at berth projects at the Port of Hueneme via the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

At VCAPCD, our responsibility is to attain state and federal air quality standards and protect public health in Ventura County. Ventura County is designated nonattainment for the state and federal ozone standards and nonattainment for the state particulate matter standard. The reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions from this "ships at berth" project is significant and will advance our goal to attain the state and federal ozone standards. Further, the reduction of toxic diesel particulate will result in public health benefits to residents living near the berths. It is important to note that residents are as close as 400 meters from the berths proposed for electrification. Further, because the Port of Hueneme does not utilize overhead cranes, shipboard cranes are used to unload cargo. As a result, ship auxiliary engines experience additional load and produce higher emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support. If you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to call me at 805/645-1440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Villegas".

Michael Villegas
Air Pollution Control Officer

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